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Attachments: Oregon Open House Invitation - Best Practices for Water Quality Trading.docx; JRA Fact Sheet_2013 06 17.pdf

The Willamette Partnership and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) cordially invite you to attend an open house to learn about their joint efforts to help ensure that water quality trading programs have the quality, credibility, and transparency necessary to be consistent with the Clean Water Act and make certain all trades achieve water quality improvements.

Idaho, Oregon, and Washington water quality agencies, and U.S. EPA Region 10 are working together on a potential joint regional agreement defining what they consider the best practices to follow when implementing water quality trading. The Willamette Partnership and The Freshwater Trust, non-profit groups interested in increasing the pace and effectiveness of restoration activities throughout the Pacific Northwest, have been facilitating these discussions. A 2-page fact sheet with additional information is attached to this email.

The open house will provide an opportunity to learn about the US Department of Agriculture Conservation Innovation Grant that funded this effort, project goals, desired outcomes, progress to date and partner perspectives. The final hour will be dedicated to question, answer and discussion.

Please join us for coffee and pastries as we highlight our initial efforts, discuss the road ahead and ask for your feedback.

Date: Friday, August 16th

Time: 10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: OR DEQ Headquarters, Rm EQC A, 811 SW 6th Avenue, Portland 97204

For those unable to attend in person, we are providing a webinar option

Reserve your Webinar seat now at:

<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/452960698>

We ask that you please circulate this invitation widely to your networks.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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